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SUBJ: VENEZUELA THREATENS BREAK IN RELATIONS WITH URUGUAY

REF: MONTEVIDEO 2435

1. THE DIPLOMATIC CRISIS BETWEEN VENEZUELA AND URUGUAY OVER THE JUNE 30 ABDUCTION FROM THE GROUNDS OF THE VENEZUELAN EMBASSY IN MONTEVIDEO ON JUNE 28 OF AN UNIDENTIFIED WOMAN SEEKING ASYLUM DEEPENED ON JULY 1 WHEN PRESIDENT CARLOS ANDRES PEREZ WARNED THAT DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS WITH URUGUAY WOULD BE BROKEN IF THE WOMAN WAS NOT RETURNED. PEREZ ALSO ACKNOWLEDGED THAT HE HAD RECEIVED A LETTER FROM URUGUAYAN PRESIDENT DEMICHELI RECOUNTING WHAT HAD OCCURRED AT THE VENEZUELAN EMBASSY JUNE 30. PEREZ'S REMARKS CAME FOLLOWING A SESSION WITH LEADERS OF THE RULING AD PARTY. AD PRESIDENT AND CONGRESS PRESIDENT GONZALO BARRIOS STATED AS WELL THAT A BREAK IN RELATIONS IS POSSIBLE. HE ADDED THAT VENEZUELA MAY LODGE A PROTEST WITH "INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS" OVER THE INCIDENT.

2. MEANWHILE, URUGUAYAN AMBASSADOR JULIO CESAR LUPOINACCI DEPARTED CARACAS JULY 1 FOR MONTEVIDEO PRESUMABLY TO REPORT

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TO THE GOV ON VENEZUELAN REACTION TO THE INCIDENT. FOREIGN

MINISTER RAMON ESCOVAR SALOM CALLED IN AMBASSADOR LUPINACCI FOR AN HOUR-LONG DISCUSSION OF THE INCIDENT ON JUNE 29. THE GOV'S POSITION IN PUBLIC STATEMENTS HAS BEEN THAT THE RIGHT OF ASYLUM MUST BE RESPECTED.

3. THE SENSATIONALIST PAPER EL MUNDO REPORTED JULY 2 THAT PRESIDENT PEREZ WILL SOON ORDER VENEZUELAN AMBASSADOR TO URUGUAY JULIO RAMOS TO RETURN TO CARACAS. THIS HAS NOT BEEN OTHERWISE CONFIRMED. VENEZUELAN AMBASSADOR TO THE UN SIMON CONSALVI MET WITH PRESIDENT PEREZ AND THE AD NATIONAL LEADERSHIP JULY 2 POSSIBLY AS A PRELUDE TO PRESENTING A VENEZUELAN PROTEST AT THE UN AGENCIO

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